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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Sunao KAWAI

Group Art Unit: 2152

Application No.: 10/720,375

Examiner: H. HOANG

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Docket No.: 116533

For: NETWORK SYSTEM

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 3, 2008 telephone interview, Applicant provides a separate record of the telephone interview. Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Hoang to Applicant's representatives during the telephone interview.

During the interview, Applicant's representatives traversed the rejections of claims 1–8, 10–15, 20, 39, 42 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0084086 (Simpson) and claims 21–25, 27–32, 37, 40 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Simpson.

As discussed during the interview, Simpson discloses merely monitoring for subsequent processing job requests and not monitoring for modification of operational parameters. The Examiner's interpretation of the terms "print jobs" and "processing request" are overbroad in view of their usage in Simpson. Alternatively, even if the Examiner interprets "print jobs" and "processing request" inherently include various, user defined printer settings, Simpson does not monitor for modification of the printer settings. Thus,

Simpson does not disclose or render obvious the various monitoring systems recited in the independent claims.

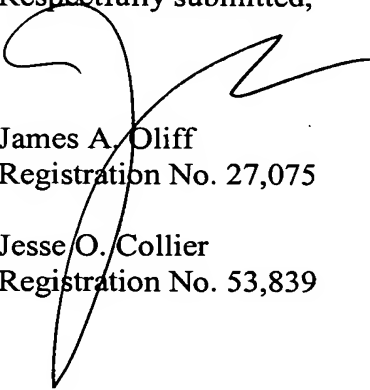
Additionally, new claims 46–55 recite "operational parameters" that include both "functional parameters" and "protection parameters." The claims recite that the protection parameters are "parameters entered by a first user, independent from a processing request, to control the modification of the functional parameters." The Examiner's broad interpretations of "print jobs" and "processing request" fail to disclose "protection parameters." Because the printer settings disclosed in Simpson are related to specific print jobs or processing requests, they are dependent on a user issuing or submitting a processing request. As the protection parameters in claims 46–55 are defined as being "independent from a processing request," Simpson does not disclose "protection parameters." Despite Simpson disclosing "[i]n some variations, if desired, exceptions can be made to prevent interruption of "special users," (for example the 'boss') and/or when certain parameters can be set," Simpson does not disclose "protection parameters" that are "independent from a processing request." Thus, claims 46–55 are patentable over Simpson.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections to the independent claims in view of Simpson be withdrawn. As all the rejections listed in the Office Action rely on Simpson disclosing the independent claims, the rejections are improper based on Simpson failing to disclose the independent claims.

In view of the foregoing and the May 23, 2008 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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